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Vision for USAID-African Partnership in Biotechnology



Elements of a Strategy

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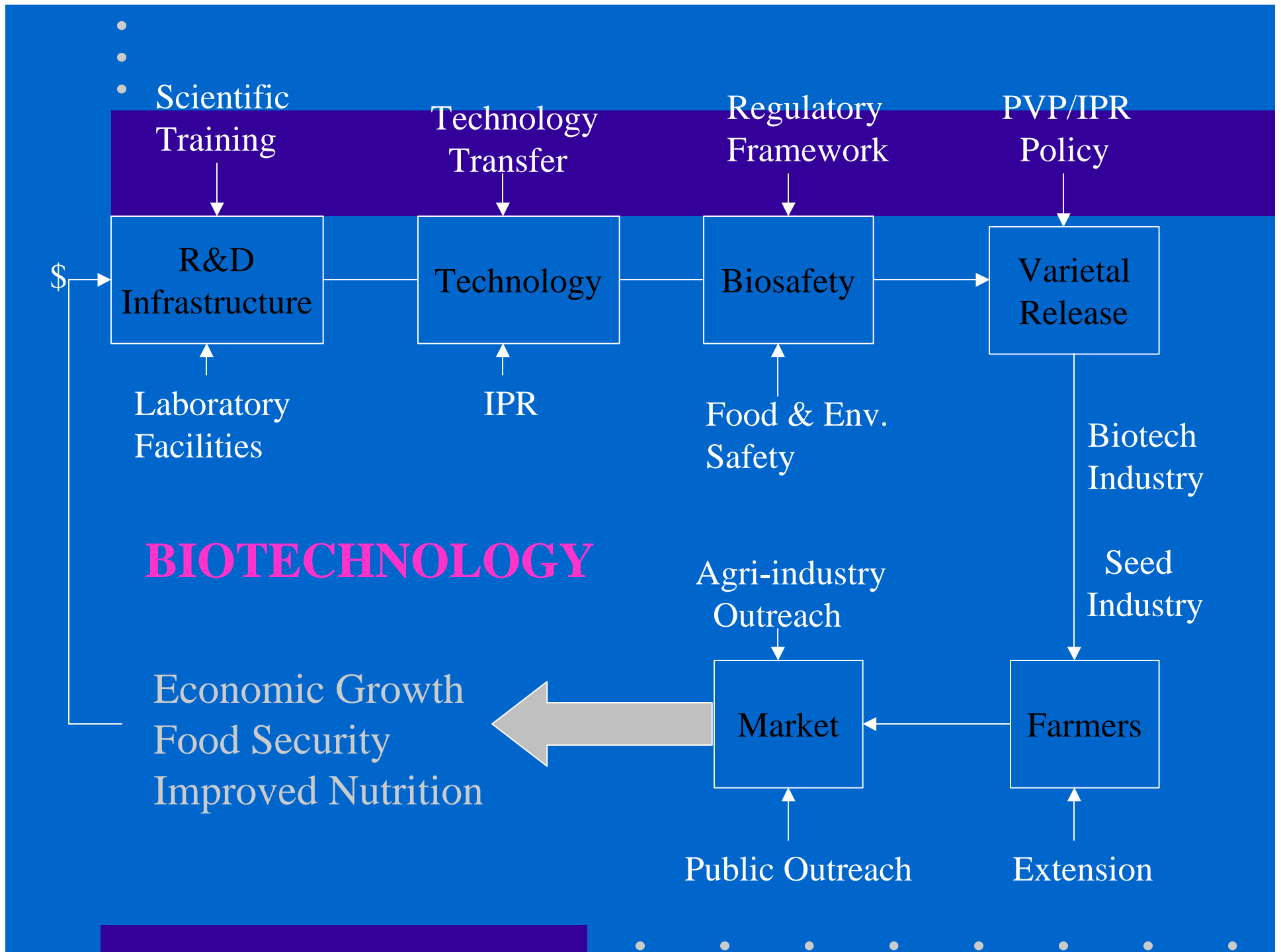
Objectives of a Biotech Strategy

- Goal is not biotechnology: increased agricultural productivity, food security, and nutrition.
- Embedded within goals and approaches of the Agricultural Initiative of USAID.
- Long-term partnership.

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Approach: Key Elements

- Integrated approach to biotechnology
- Harnessing layered resources
- Partnerships
- Priority setting



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Layers & Partnerships

- Cannot do it all in most countries.
- **Sub-regional approach** is at the core.
- **Focal countries:** building upon existing foundation and connecting to region.
- **Harnessing global biotech** resources through connecting to African initiatives.

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Regional Approaches

- East/Central Africa
 - ASARECA: R&D priority setting
 - Biosafety & Trade: ASARECA+ COMESA
- West Africa
 - CORAF: vision & priority setting
- Southern Africa
 - Biosafety training

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Global Linkages

- **Technology development:** cassava, banana, cowpea, papaya, cocoa, biofortification of staple crops, environmental risk assessment,
- **Information access** for public & policy makers, economic impact assessment for priority setting
- **Agricultural Biotechnology Support Project (ABSP) II** – regional institutional development, IPR, collaborative technology development

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Global Linkages Cont.

- **Program in Biosafety Systems:** regional policy development & strengthening
- **African Agricultural Technology Foundation**
 - increase private sector investment in Africa
 - increase African access to new technology

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Being Strategic about Priorities

- **Assessment** and consultative process at regional and national levels.
- **Consultation** across all partners at meetings such as this.
- **Impact assessment** as an integral part of adjusting priorities and measuring outcomes.

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Keeping our Eyes on the Goal

- How can the technology **contribute to specific outcomes** for agricultural growth and nutrition.
- **Be strategic** about accessing technology.
- **Build African leadership** and capacity to make strategic decisions about biotechnology.